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To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: Philip L. Browning, Director

COUNTY ADOPTION AGENCY LICENSE NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ADOPTION AND PERMANENCY RESOURCES DIVISION

This is to inform you of a recent change in requirements for County adoption agencies. Pursuant to the Community Care Facilities Act (AB X1 16; Chapter 13, Statutes of 2011) and further clarification by SB 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012) the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Adoption and Permanency Resources Division (APRD) no longer needs to be licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Licensing (CCL) in order to continue providing services as a governmental adoption agency for domestic adoptions of dependent and relinquished children. This change is part of the CDSS realignment process of adoption services.

Many counties that formerly contracted with CDSS for adoption services are either now or working toward taking over those governmental adoption services from CDSS as part of the realignment. In order to facilitate this change, an adoption license is no longer required for counties taking over adoption services from CDSS or for those counties, such as Los Angeles, that have been providing governmental adoption services for many years.

Following consultation with the CDSS and CCL, the determination was that DCFS would forfeit the adoption license and continue to function as a full-service public adoption agency in accordance with the change in law. There was no benefit to remaining licensed, and it saves the County a \$1375 annual licensing fee. There is no change in our current adoption operation, and there is no impact on the children and families that we serve.

The Department has informed Jean Chen, CCL Regional Manager, the forfeiture of our license. On September 25, 2012, DCFS received the attached letter from Karen Suh, Licensing Program Analyst at CCL confirming the forfeiture of the adoption license.

If additional information is needed, please contact me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin at (213) 351-5530.

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Attachments

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"



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September 7, 2012

Jean Chen, Regional Manager
Community Care Licensing
1000 Corporate Center Drive
Monterey Park, CA 91754

Dear Ms. Chen:

I am writing pursuant to the Community Care Facilities Act (AB X1 16; Chapter 13, Statutes of 2011) and further clarification by SB 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012). As a result of those laws, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Adoption and Permanency Resources Division (APRD) no longer needs to be licensed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Community Care Licensing (CCL), in order to continue providing services as a public governmental adoption agency for domestic adoptions of dependent and relinquished children. In light of these changes, DCFS APRD wishes to forfeit its current CDSS CCL Adoption Program license and continue to function as a full service adoption agency.

If any further information or clarifications are needed, please contact Acting Deputy Director Diane Wagner at (626) 229-3777.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "PLB", written over a horizontal line.

PHILIP L. BROWNING
Director

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September 25, 2012

L.A. COUNTY, DCFS, ADOPTION DIVISION- 197804755
3075 WILSHIRE BLVD.
LOS ANGELES, CA 90010

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Dear Licensee:

This letter is to confirm that you are no longer interested in being licensed for the operation of Adoption Agency. The forfeiture is based upon the following reason(s):

Pursuant to the Community Care Facilities Act (AB X1 16; Chapter 13, Statutes of 2011) and further clarification by SB 1013 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2012). Due to the law, the Los Angeles, DCFS, Adoption Division no longer need to be licensed by Community Care Licensing in order to continue providing services as a public governmental adoption agency, the licensee forfeit its license.

Effective 09/07/2012, your license for this location is forfeited by operation of law pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1524. This license is no longer valid. If you have not already done so, please send your license to the above address. If you wish to operate another community care facility in the future, you must not start operation until a new license is issued.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Licensing Program Analyst Karen Suh at (323) 303-7045.

Sincerely,

Karen Suh
Licensing Program Analyst

cc: Facility file